

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph from page 12, line 21 to page 13, line 20 as follows:

--Returning to Fig. 2, the "search thread" shown in Fig. 3 is activated in step S201, whereby, the information processing apparatus 100 achieves the following processing as shown in Fig. 3. The current connection information and the current use conditions of all devices connected to the network are obtained through the network in step S301. The information of PCs and the information of devices connected to the PCs are directly obtained from the PCs. When a management server is connected to the network and periodically collects the information of the PCs and the devices connected to the PCs, the information may be obtained from the management server. The processing for obtaining the connection information and the use-condition information of the devices includes a process for displaying the device currently being searched for in a status line 51a of the main window 410 ~~401~~, as shown in Fig. 5. By this process, the user can recognize the device being searched for. When the search process is terminated, "idling" is displayed in the status line of the main window 401, as shown by 44a in Fig. 4. By this indication, the user can recognize that searching has been terminated and the latest statuses are shown. The connection information and the use conditions of all the devices on the network, obtained by the searching process achieved in step S301, is stored in the HD 110 in step S302.--